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06-349047	Japan	Dec. 22, 1994
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## **OTHER DOCUMENTS**

Baibich et al., "*Giant Magnetoresistance of (001)Fe(001)CR Magnetic Superlattices*," Physical Review Letters, Vol. 61, No. 21, Nov. 21, 1988.

## **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed references in the examination of this application and list these references of record in the application.

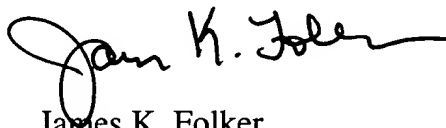
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